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SECDEF FOR ISA-EUR; CINCEUR FOR ECJE/7-SA.

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MPOL, BE
SUBJ: BELGIAN HAWK - M113 OVERALL COMPENSATION POTENTIAL
REF: SECDEF MSG DSAA 100020Z MAR 77.

1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE VANDEN BOEYNANTS HAS REQUESTED
USG EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF USING HENSCHEL ENGINEERING AS
OVERHAUL FACILITY FOR EUCOM-BASED M113'S WHEN OVERHAUL
IS REQUIRED AS POSSIBLE OFFSET TO BELGIAN HAWK PURCHASE.
REFTELS WHICH RESPONDED TO PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR CONSIDERA-
TION OF USING HENSCHEL OVERHAUL CAPABILITY FOR A QUID TO
A FAVORABLE BELGIAN DECISION ON PURCHASE OF M113/AIFV WERE
NOT DISCUSSED WITH GOB.

2. VANDEN BOEYNANTS INTENDS TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH
SECDEF IF PROPOSED 10 FEBRUARY MEETING IS ACHIEVED. COL
LEFEBVRE, ASSISTANT CHEF DE CABINET, IS AWARE THIS OFFICE
DID RAISE M113 ISSUE WITH DA PREVIOUSLY BUT NOT AWARE OF
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DA RESPONSE.

3. HENSCHEL ENGINEERING IS A SUBSIDIARY OF THYSSEN
RHEINSTHAL GROUP AND CURRENTLY OVERHAULS FRG M113'S.

4. CONCERNED THAT ANY EFFORT BY USG IN THIS ARENA AS
HAWK OFFSET WOULD LESSEN MARKETABILITY OF M113/AIFV OFF-

SET PLAN, GOB HAS BEEN TESTING M113/AIFV AND AMX AND PLANS
EARLY APRIL DECISION ON PURCHASE.

5. IN NEGOTIATION ON HAWK MOU, US TEAM AND GOB WERE IN
AGREEMENT THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNTING OFFSET RESTS
WITH GOB AND THAT USG WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO DOUBLE COUNT
AGAINST TWO PROGRAMS. THIS REQUEST BY GOB FOR POSSIBLE
HENSCHEL ENGINEERING OVERHAUL OF M113'S WOULD APPEAR TO
POSE ISSUE OF WHERE OFFSET CREDIT WOULD BE APPLIED; E.G.,
HAWK OR POSSIBLE M113/AIFV PURCHASE.

6. FMC CORP/CALIFORNIA AWARE VANDEN BOEYNANTS HAS RAISED
HENSCHEL OVERHAUL ISSUE AND PLANS TO EXTEND INVITATION TO
VANDEN BOEYNANTS TO VISIT THEIR FACILITY DURING HIS
FORTHCOMING CONUS VISIT. GDS 31 DEC 84. OLSEN

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